

of the State from a proper appropriation made by the Legislature, upon the warrant of the Ranking Line Officer, under and by direction of the Governor.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 15. 1922, ch. 490, sec. 13. 1931, ch. 161, sec. 15.

**15.** The National Guard of Maryland shall consist of that portion of the organized militia prescribed by the President to be maintained by the State of Maryland under the provisions of the National Defense Act, as amended, and regulations issued pursuant thereto. The organization of the National Guard of Maryland, including the composition of all units thereof, shall be the same as that which is or may hereafter be prescribed for the Regular Army, subject in time of peace to such general exceptions as may be authorized by the Secretary of War. Whenever the National Guard of Maryland, or any part thereof, has been called or ordered into the active military service of the United States by the President, the Governor shall have the power to increase the military force and to organize such units as the exigencies of the emergency in his judgment may require.

1939, ch. 544.

**16.** The Ranking Line Officer is authorized and directed to take out and thereafter maintain a policy or policies of insurance with the State Accident Fund or with any stock corporation or mutual association authorized to transact the business of Workmen's Compensation insurance in this State, to secure compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Law to all officers and enlisted men of the organized militia of the State of Maryland. The Ranking Line Officer is authorized and directed to pay the necessary premium or premiums for said policy or policies of insurance out of appropriations for the militia to be included in the State Budget by the Governor of the State.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 16. 1922, ch. 490, sec. 14. 1935, ch. 583, sec. 16.

**17.** The Inactive National Guard shall consist of such officers and enlisted men as are commissioned or enlisted therein or transferred thereto.<sup>1</sup>

An. Code, 1924, sec. 17. 1922, ch. 490, sec. 15.

**18.** There shall be a retired list exclusively restricted to officers and enlisted men of the organized militia and none other, to be known as the "Maryland National Guard, Retired," and those placed thereon shall be subject to the same restrictions as are enjoined by the retired lists of the United States Army in so far as the same are applicable. Any officer or enlisted man who has reached the age of sixty-four years shall be placed upon the retired list and any officer or enlisted man who has been in the active military service of the State for a period of fifteen years may, upon application, be relieved from active duty and placed upon the retired list and, also, any officer or enlisted man who from physical disability or change in residence, after ten years' active service becomes incapable of performing his duties may be placed upon the retired list. Provided, that an enlisted man who has completed twenty-five years active service, may be retired in the grade of Second Lieutenant.

<sup>1</sup> Sec. 2, ch. 583, acts of 1935, repealed all laws inconsistent therewith to extent of such inconsistency.